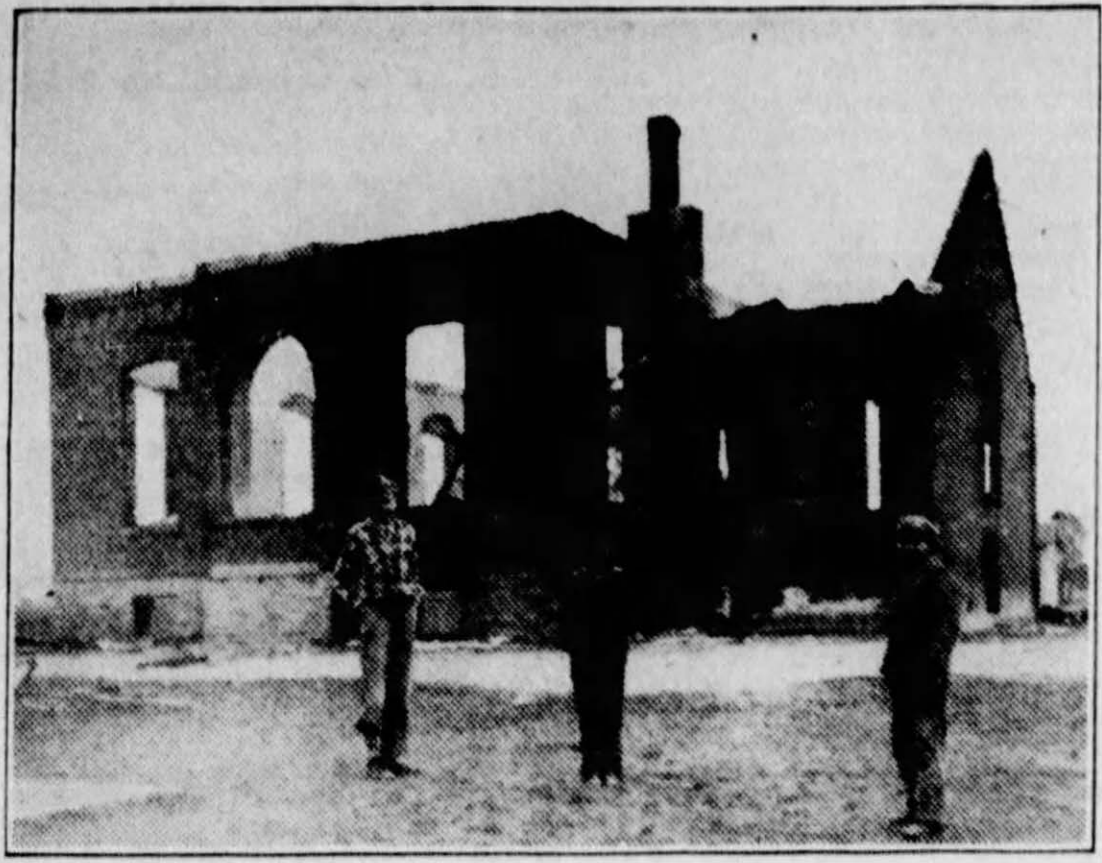
BOYHOOD DREAM THAT CAME TRUE



Above is shown all that is left of the Champeau school, town of Howard, which was swept by fire Tuesday noon, leaving 72 pupils with no place to go. In the foreground, Wesley Lafave, John Lafave and Lawrence Williams are registering their "regret" by broad grins.

The teachers, who were in the building when the fire started, managed to get out uninjured. The children were all playing in the yard. Several pupils lost books, clothing, and other personal belongings.

Although the origin of the fire is still unknown, it is believed to have started in the roof. Miss Kittibel O'Donnell, teacher, smelled smoke and summoned Cornelius Rabida, janitor, who lives across the road. He found fire burning between the walls and in the attic. Fire extinguishers, thrown into the flames, could not control them.

The building is completely gutted, and was still burning last evening. It is a total loss, but is covered by insurance. The amount of the loss and plans for housing of the children for the rest of the term, are being discussed at a meeting of the school board this afternoon.

Champeau school, a two room brick structure, was built in 1894. There were 40 pupils in one room, 32 in the other.